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DOWN TO WORK.

Largest Convention Yet Held by
American Federation
of Labor.

Over Two Hundred Delegates
Representing Every Branch
of Industry.

Will Be Handsomely Entertained by the Local
Unions.

INTERESTING AND INTELLIGENT BODY

The twentieth annual convention of the American Federation convened in this city Thursday morning with the largest attendance of delegates and more people represented than at any preceding convention. The sessions are being held in Music Hall and are largely attended by citizens of Louisville, who have been most agreeably surprised at the intelligent looking and progressive body of men legislating for the toilers in every branch of American industry and commerce.

The formal opening of the convention took place Thursday morning at 10:30 o'clock, President Samuel Gompers introducing William M. Higgins, of the Kentucky Irish American and Typographical Union No. 10, who welcomed the delegates in the following words:

Fellow Trades Unionists, Ladies and Gentlemen: In the name of organized labor of our city and State I have the honor of welcoming the American Federation of Labor and the representatives from abroad to Louisville and Kentucky. The welcome tendered you comes from the hearts of our people, and I know you will receive it in the spirit in which it is offered.

This twentieth annual convention of the American Federation of Labor will add another bright page to the history of the labor movement in this country. Upon you rests the dawn of a new century, and may the record made here shine forth during the years to come as does now the Declaration of Independence. Your work is a noble and holy one and when accomplished will be the realization of our Saviour's mission on earth—the uplifting and elevation morally and socially of all humanity. New questions will come before you that will have a far-reaching effect, but when I look into the earnest, intelligent and honest faces before me I have no fears of the result.

Kentucky and the South are today looking to you for guidance and assistance. The industrial development of the South during the coming years promises to be phenomenal and a surprise to the world. Then let us look forward and, profiting by the experiences of the past, strive here and now for a course that will lead to still better and more friendly relations between capital and labor.

Ladies and gentlemen, your struggle during the past twenty years for shorter hours and better conditions for the toiling masses has been a successful one and should be vigorously continued. You will thereby create a more intelligent and healthy citizenship and avert the degradation of all made in the image of God. Under your guidance this most representative and democratic body will soon become of age. Remember that besides the millions already in our ranks there are still other millions watching you today. Pursuing the same course as heretofore it will not be long ere they are enrolled, and then labor's hosts will be invincible and equal justice secured for all alike.

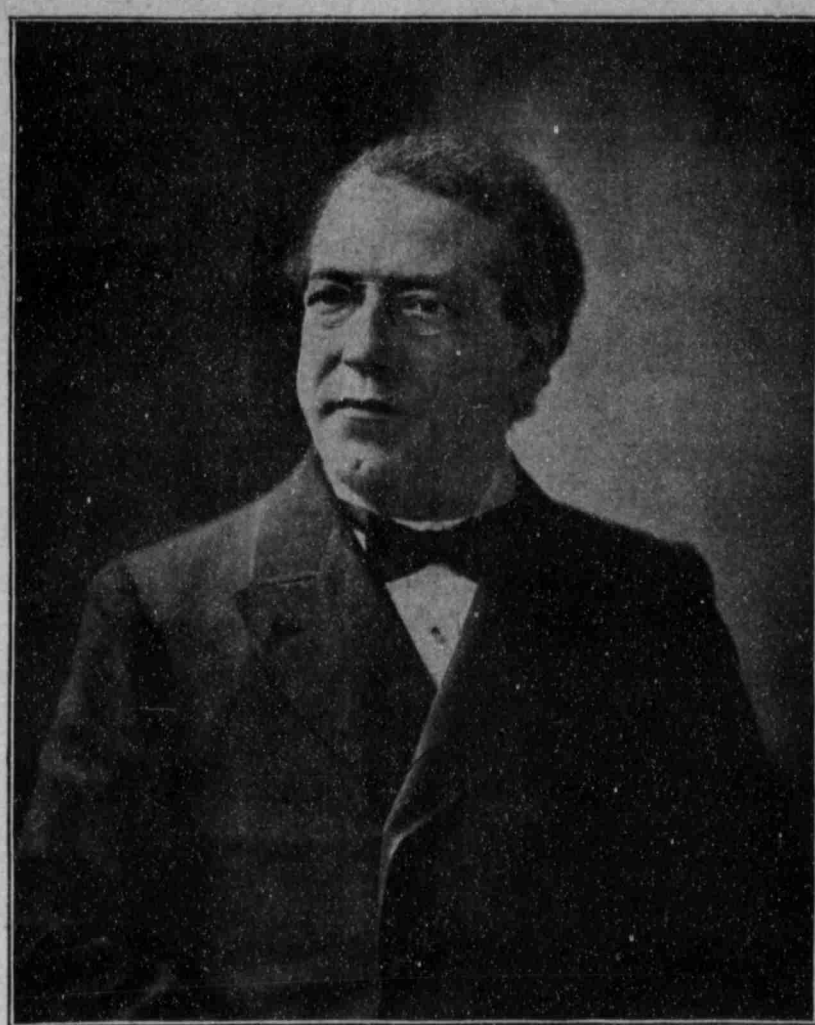
I will not detain you longer, only desiring to say that the Kentucky State Federation of Labor and the Central Labor Union of this city hope to make your stay among us pleasant. All our citizens and officials bid you a hearty welcome. The doors are unlocked. You may enter anywhere and take what you want. And before your departure I would ask you to impress upon each and every mind the motto of the great Commonwealth of Kentucky, "United we stand, divided we fall." Make this motto yours and success must come to the American Federation of Labor, the masses of toilers and our entire country. Again I say you are welcome, heartily welcome.

President Gompers made a graceful and happy response, during which he referred to the late differences existing in this State between the workmen and their satisfactory solution, and urged the leading political parties to take a lesson from the labor people and adjust their troubles in like manner and thereby better serve the State.

The President then announced the appointment of James McGill as Assistant Secretary, Louis Kiefer as Messenger and Charles Peets as Sergeant-at-Arms. The Committee on Credentials followed with its report, which recommended the seating of over 200 delegates, among them being representatives from England, Scotland and Canada. Only a couple of minor protests were entered, which were referred to the Credentials Committee for hearing.

President Gompers read his annual report, which was an interesting and lengthy document and gives evidence of careful and conservative consideration of every subject touched upon. Among the many important suggestions therein were the following:

Industry was incapable of full develop-



SAMUEL GOMPERS.
President of the American Federation of Labor.

ment so long as chattel slavery existed; hence the formation of national unions could not be effectually achieved. The abolition of chattel slavery paved the way for larger industrial development and conjointly with it the greater growth and expansion of trade unionism upon a national basis. Now, as industries are frequently merged and concentrated, we present to the world the best federation of organized labor which has been recorded by history.

Our economic and social life presents to us new and complex problems. The century now opening before us requires the keenest appreciation on the part of all, that upon ourselves and upon our unity in sentiment, conviction and action lies the safety of the future manhood, womanhood and childhood of our country. There have been no rights accorded unless they have been conquered through the unity, the wisdom and the willingness of those who have acquired them to bear burdens and make sacrifices. What is true of the past is true in the present and will be equally true in the future.

To organize the yet unorganized workers; to build up national and international unions; to make our organizations daily more effective to defend the toilers; to protect and promote their interests in every way; to assure beyond all peradventure the vantage ground already gained; to progress continually in abolishing that which the workers, their wives and their children have too long borne, and the achievement of that justice to which we are entitled. The success of these, as typified by our great cause, now and for all time to come, rests entirely upon the working class itself. It may be true that others by their sympathetic action may aid us in our movements, but we resent the claims or the promises of any and all that the amelioration in the condition of the wage-workers or their disenfranchisement from every form of justice depends upon any other power than that of the working people themselves by and through their trade union effort.

The American Federation of Labor has not indulged in any exhaustive or elaborate platform of abstract principles. It recognizes that the best organization for the working people is an organization of the working people, and that is the trade union; to assure and insure the right of the trade unions to self-government, and yet to insist that the toilers in each union shall appreciate the interdependence of organizations, and by the federation of all to present a solid phalanx of the workers of America.

Realizing the necessity for the unity of the wage-earners of our country, the American Federation of Labor has upon all occasions declared that trade unions should open their portals to all wage-workers, irrespective of creed, color, nationality, sex, or politics. Nothing has transpired in recent years which has called for a change of our declared policy upon this question; on the contrary, every evidence tends to confirm us in this conviction; for, even if it were not a matter of principle, self-preservation would prompt the workers to organize intelligently and to make common cause. In making the declaration we have we do not necessarily proclaim that the social barriers existing between the whites and blacks could or should be felled with one stroke of the pen; but when white and black workers are compelled to work side by side under the same adverse circumstances and under equally unfair conditions it seems an anomaly that we should refuse to accord the right of organization to workers because of a difference in their color. Unless we shall give the negro workers the opportunity to organize, and thus place them where they can protect and defend themselves against the rapacity and cupidity of their employers; unless we continue the policy of endeavoring to make friends of them, there can be no question but that they will not only be forced down in the economic scale and be used against any effort made by us for our economic and social advance-

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CATHOLIC KNIGHTS

Held a Rousing Meeting and
Smoker Last Sunday
Afternoon.

Hall Was Crowded to Receive
the Supreme and State
Officers.

Renewed Interest Being Awakened and Bright Future
Predicted.

SPIRITED AND ENCOURAGING TALKS

The greeting tendered the Supreme Delegates and State officers of the Catholic Knights of America by Branch 21 last Sunday afternoon was most gratifying to the members as well as the guests. Scarcely had there been seen such a large and enthusiastic gathering in their hall at Thirteenth and Market streets.

President Patrick Flaherty occupied the chair and opened the proceedings, congratulating the members upon their response to the call issued and welcoming most heartily the guests of the day. The business transacted was of the usual order and occupied but little time. Cigars were then lighted and all were ready for the interesting exercises that followed. The Chairman designated State Secretary John Score as master of ceremonies, and a better selection could not have been made.

The first speakers were State President Mike Rickert and Supreme Delegates Joseph Hubbuch and Harry Veeneman, who spoke at length upon the benefits conferred upon members of this order, its many special advantages for Catholics, the renewed interest awakened recently throughout the country, and the bright prospects for the future. They urged each person present to interest himself in doubling the present membership in Kentucky, saying that the work was now well under way. The increase since the recent State convention was most satisfactory and the Supreme and State officers were indeed anxious that the same ratio should continue to the end of their terms. All paid their commitments to Branch 21 and its officers and declared that no other fraternal society was as prompt in the payment of its beneficiaries.

Henry Bosquet and John Fackler followed, the former making several suggestions that met with general favor. His advocacy of a labor bureau and other advanced ideas for the benefit of members was given the closest attention, and a number of them will likely be put to practical use in the near future.

There were numerous calls for Dr. William B. Doherty, who responded with an eloquent and convincing address. For years the doctor has watched with interest the growth of the Catholic Knights of America, and he was delighted to see the display of enthusiasm manifested upon this occasion and the universal desire for the uplifting of man to a higher standard and the better protection of the widows and orphans. This was a noble mission, and no surer road to its realization existed than that furnished by the Catholic Knights of America, which had weathered storms where many other fraternal societies had perished, until today there remained in their reserve fund the enormous sum of half a million dollars. The Catholic Knights, he declared, can not and will not go down, but will continue until the membership reaches 100,000. The accomplishment of this desirable result would be greatly facilitated if the meetings were only enlivened by lectures and other

features that would entertain and attract the members. The order has in its ranks men of fine intellectual capacity, who can all do much toward bringing Catholic men together and educating them in this noble and necessary work. Dr. Doherty cited a number of instances of the great good done during the past few years, and declared that with proper unity and leadership this order would be invincible and capable of performing an amount of work that was almost incalculable at a surprisingly small cost. He also urged the acquisition of libraries and gymnasiums and places for the entertainment of the young, who will thereby be not only attracted to the Knights, but benefited mentally and physically. His tribute to the pioneers of this and its sister order, the Catholic Knights and Ladies of America, Mr. McLoughlin, of Memphis, and Mrs. McLoughlin, of Louisville, was heartily appreciated by the older members. Besides the many special benefits conferred they should remember that all other fraternal societies were more expensive, while none paid their beneficiaries as promptly. Dr. Doherty's remarks were received with frequent manifestations of approval.

Others who spoke were Messrs. Michael Sheehan and Tom Keenan, both of whom referred to instances in which families had been provided with comfortable homes through the Catholic Knights and were also enabled to properly educate and bring up right numberless little children. The last speaker introduced was the editor of the Kentucky Irish American, who complimented Branch 21 and the order upon the success of the meeting and pledged his paper's hearty support and assistance for the Catholic Knights whenever needed.

The absence of Secretary Patrick Holly was deeply regretted and many were the expressions of sympathy for him in his bereavement, referred to elsewhere. He is one of the pioneers of the order and among its most valued members.

From Secretary Tom Henley we learn that Branch 21 has disbursed over \$200,000 among the beneficiaries of its deceased members, and this without burdening the membership with heavy assessments.

Before adjourning appropriate action was taken showing appreciation of the visit and remarks of Messrs. Reichert, Bosquet, Score, Hubbuch and Veeneman, and upon their suggestion the branch united with the Central Committee of this city, President Flaherty appointing Pat Holley, Tom Keenan, William McDonald, Tom Henley and William O'Brien delegates. The Central Committee meets next Friday night at St. Mary's Hall, and the advent of the new members will be glad news to the other branches.

President Flaherty announced that the annual election of officers would take place at the next regular meeting and urged all the members to be present. Though wishing to retire from office, his services during the past five years have been so satisfactory that the members will insist upon his re-election.

FATHER RUSSELL.

Beloved Chaplain of Nazareth
Succumbs to Attack of
Pneumonia.

Rev. Father David Russell, for the past thirty years chaplain at Nazareth, died there last Saturday morning, and the unexpected news was received with sincere sorrow throughout the entire State. His funeral took place Monday morning, a special coach carrying Monsignor Bouchet and nearly all the clergy, while large numbers went via the regular train. Solemn Pontifical mass was celebrated at Nazareth, the chapel not being large enough to admit those who came to witness the solemn services and pay the last tribute of respect to their departed friend.

Father Russell was a native of Marion county and received his classical education at St. Thomas, near Bardonia. His theological studies were taken at the University of Louvain, Belgium. After being graduated there in 1860 Father Russell came to Louisville as an associate priest of the Cathedral of the Assumption. Two years later he was recalled to Louvain to fill the office of Vice Rector. There his health broke down and he returned to Louisville and for the second time took up his duties at the Cathedral. In the fall of 1870 he was called to the chaplaincy at Nazareth, which he held until the time of his death.

His nature was genial and all who were associated with him loved him. He was one of the most widely known priests of the Catholic church in Kentucky. The parents of all the girls in the convent sought out Father Russell whenever they visited Nazareth and were entertained by him at the priest's house with courtesy and genial hospitality.

The poor for miles around knew of his ministering sympathy. His final illness is directly due to a deep cold caught a year ago, when he was called on a winter's night to drive seven miles through the snow to visit a poor Catholic. Several weeks ago Father Russell came to St. Joseph's Infirmary for treatment. He was temporarily benefited and returned to Nazareth. The night he reached there the girls were to have their annual literary exercises. The occasion could not be complete without the presence of Father Russell and he was persuaded to come. As the hall was poorly heated he caught a deep cold, which developed into pneumonia, and ended in death.



FRANK MORRISON.
Secretary of the American Federation of Labor.

TRINITY COUNCIL.

John J. Sullivan Re-Elected
President For Another
Term.

Public Installation of Officers
and Reception Next
Month.

Annual Reports Will Show a
Successful and Prosperous
Year.

LADIES' AUXILIARY GUESTS OF HONOR

Trinity Council of the Young Men's Institute held an unusually important meeting at Trinity Hall on East Gray street Monday night, and the annual election of officers added interest to the proceedings. Trinity Council has heretofore been fortunate in the selection of its officers, and those chosen for the coming year give assurance of a continuation of the success and advancement that has always marked the career of this most popular East End organization.

The past services of the executive officers are highly appreciated, and therefore there were but two offices contested for. The races for Inside and Outside Sentinel were very spirited, the victor in each case winning by only one majority. The officers elected are as follows:

Chaplain—Rev. J. A. O'Grady.
President—John J. Sullivan.
First Vice President—William N. Gast.
Second Vice President—Wm. Hillier.
Recording Secretary—Henry F. Stoerr.
Corresponding Secretary—Joseph J. Gaffney.

Financial Secretary—A. H. Hukewick.

Treasurer—Joseph S. Piazza.
Marshal—Henry Herberger.
Inside Sentinel—William Bossung.
Outside Sentinel—Wm. Kaltenthaler.
Executive Committee—Henry Strube, Joseph Kirchdorfer, Daniel J. Hennessy, Edward Bosler, E. J. Stokes.

Council Physician—Dr. B. J. Lammers. The re-election of the foregoing officers was a deserved recognition of their integrity and ability as well as past services, and to them Trinity Council is indebted for much of its remarkable success during the past year.

It was decided that the annual installation, which takes place Monday night, January 7, should be open to the public, and committees are now arranging for that event. Upon that occasion the Ladies' Auxiliary will be the special guests of the council. Those who attended last year's installation will endeavor to be present at this one, for the reason that the entertainment provided will be of a very high order.

From President Sullivan we learn that the annual reports will show Trinity in a flourishing condition, financially and numerically. This will be gratifying to the members, and is the more remarkable when the great amount of time and money devoted to outside worthy causes is taken into account. They will be submitted at the January meeting.

Trinity Council will continue its usual series of eueches, which have become most popular, until the approach of the Lenten season.

Mackin Council also held its annual election this week. There were many candidates and lively contests for all the offices. The following gentlemen were elected:

Chaplain—Rev. A. J. Brady.
President—Daniel Cuniff.
First Vice President—William Kerberg.
Second Vice President—Mack Ralby.
Recording Secretary—Wm. Schmitt.

Financial Secretary—William Klein.
Recording Secretary—George Semonis.
Treasurer—Edward Andriotti.
Marshal—Charles Ralby.
Inside Sentinel—Edward Carty.
Outside Sentinel—M. J. Kleinhans.
Executive Committee—F. L. Eberhard, Anthony Bauerle, Louis Borntraeger, William Shaughnessy, James Hoey.

COVINGTON

Ladies Who Are Working For
St. Mary's Cathedral
Bazar.

We take pleasure in announcing to our many friends through the medium of this paper the fact that the members of St. Mary's Cathedral of Covington will open a grand bazar on Monday evening, December 10, 1900, at St. Mary's parochial school hall for the benefit of the new Cathedral and will continue throughout the entire week. Among the many interesting features connected with the bazar is the contest between Miss Laura Hellebush and Miss Emma Mahon, two of the most popular young ladies in the congregation, for a diamond ring which is to be awarded to the young lady selling the largest number of tickets. Both being well known, they will no doubt run a very close race. Another novelty in connection with the bazar is the doll baby booth, presided over by Miss B. Mahon, assisted by Misses Grossman, Mahon, Steffen and Mencer. Again those who have an eye for the beautiful can turn their attention to the fancy table and will be pleasantly met by Madames O'Connell, Murray and Sharkey.

The Children of Mary will have charge of the candy and lemon table, under the direction of Mrs. P. J. Connelly, assisted by Misses Kiely, Walsh, Connelly and Murphy.

Supper, with all the delicacies of the season, will be served by Mesdames P. Murphy, Charleston and Golden, Misses Murphy, Gersseler and Murray.

Another unique idea is the apron booth, containing aprons of all kinds and nations, under the direction of the Covington Reading Circle. Mrs. Shoemaker, assisted by Messrs. Corcoran and Dunphy, will serve cake and cream to their many friends. Mrs. Gainer, assisted by Miss Burge, will lighten the hearts of many of the little ones at the fish pond. All the beaux and maidens will find in Miss Rose Sheridan a true friend and faithful transmitter of their love messages through the postoffice at Lovetown.

Numerous and valuable have been the donations received, but want of space will not permit the mention of the names of donors and their contributions.

As this bazar is for a most worthy cause—the erection of a temple to Almighty God—it is the earnest wish and desire of the members interested that all the Catholics of Kentucky will do their utmost to make the affair a success socially and financially.

Miss Margaret Charleston has been very successful in soliciting donations for this commendable enterprise and the thanks of all concerned are extended to her for her efforts and to the many friends of the good work who so kindly contributed articles and money to the bazar.

ENTERS THE CONVENT.

Miss Mary Watts Kearny, eldest daughter of Gen. John Kearny, has taken the first formal step toward becoming a Lady of the Society of the Sacred Heart. Miss Kearny recently went to the Convent of the Sacred Heart at Kenwood, near Albany. At the expiration of the usual period, within a few weeks, she will become a novice. Some years must elapse before her final vows are taken. Miss Kearny has for some years contemplated the step just taken, but has deferred it at the request of her father. Gen. Kearny did not wish her to join the Sacred Heart Society until she was quite sure that the work before her as one of its members was what she desired.

COUNTY BOARD

Takes Action and Decides to
Celebrate St. Patrick's
Day.

A General Meeting Called for
Tuesday Night Week,
Dec. 18.

Division Secretaries Urged to
Have Yearly Reports
Ready.

WILL ALSO HAVE SOCIAL SESSION

Tuesday evening there was a meeting at Hibernian Hall of the County Board of Directors, with President Thomas Keenan presiding. There was a very good attendance, and after the transaction of routine business the question of celebrating St. Patrick's day was discussed at considerable length and many plans for its observance submitted. The sentiment was unanimous to make the event one that will live in the memories of all who participate. While some advocated the presentation of an Irish drama, others favored a literary and musical entertainment in conjunction with several amusing features, while a few urged that the day be celebrated with a banquet such as that given some years ago and at which many were unable to gain admission. The discussion was participated in by Presidents John Cavanaugh, John Hennessy, John Mulloy, Capt. Jerry Hallahan, County President Keenan and others.

Upon motion Messrs. John Cavanaugh, John Mulloy and Capt. Jerry Hallahan were appointed a committee to secure a hall for that occasion. They will at once enter upon the performance of the duty assigned them.

For the purpose of determining what manner of celebration would be the most pleasing and give the greatest satisfaction to the membership it was decided to call a general meeting of the County Board and all the divisions for Tuesday evening, December 18, when final action will be taken and the necessary committees appointed. The County Board has arranged for a smoker and social session for that evening also, and it is earnestly urged upon every Hibernian in the city to be present that night. After the business to come before the board has been transacted the members will be entertained for an hour or two as the guests of the County Board, and all who attend will enjoy themselves.

The County Board has also requested the division officers to have their quarterly reports ready for the first meeting in January, that all accounts may be immediately balanced. This will enable the board to enter upon the work of the new year with renewed vigor and the determination to greatly increase the membership.

Favorable comment has been heard upon all sides favoring the proposition for the erection of a memorial building. This will also be discussed at the general meeting and the views of all the Hibernians then be made known.

The courtesy of President John Cavanaugh and Division 3 in inviting the board and divisions to meet with it December 19 is appreciated on all sides, but the evening stated above has been determined upon, with the order issued that every Hibernian should be there that night to participate in the proceedings.

PRIZE PIANO.

Mrs. Patrick J. Welsh Holds
the Lucky Number
Winning.

For some time past the members of St. Paul's church have been laboring zealously with their hard working and indefatigable pastor, Rev. Thomas York, for the purpose of raising funds that would continue the church work now in progress and bring the present year to a successful close. Toward this end Messrs. Harding & Riehm donated a fine Kingsbury upright piano as a prize, upon which chances were given each who contributed to the fund.

The drawing took place at St. Paul's school hall, and the lucky number was held by Mrs. P. J. Welsh, wife of the well-known and popular saloonist at Fifteenth and Main streets. Mrs. Welsh has always been a liberal contributor toward our many Catholic charities and church affairs, and her host of friends rejoice over her good fortune. The piano is a handsome one and now stands among her most highly prized treasures. No congregation in this city excels St. Paul's for enterprise or liberal treatment of its friends, and the devotion of its members to the reverend pastor, is marked and commendable.

PROMOTED.

James M. O'Hara, a well-known resident of New Albany, who for some time past has been in the employment of the Government on river work, has been promoted to "blaster" on boat No. 1. Before his promotion he messed with Lee Woodruff on boat No. 2, who will greatly miss his genial and worthy companion.

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